(c) what is the basis adopted by the oil coordination committee for the supply of crude to the above refineries;

(d) whether it is a fact that the authorities of the Guwahati and Bongaigaon refineries apprehend virtual shut down of these two refineries due to shortage of crude oil supply ever after the withdrawal of oil blockade of AASU, and

(e) if so, what is the policy of Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (e) The total crude supplied to the Guwahati, Bongaigaon and Barauni refineries during January, 1988 and February, 1988 was as follows:—

Figures in '000 tonnes

	January 1988	February 1988
Guwahati . .	70 2	57 00
Bongaigaon . .	105 23	80 17
Barauni . .	213 10	182.50

The crude supply to the above refineries is based on the product demand of the particular area as well as the individual refinery capacity. It also depends on the crude production from the Assam Oil fields.

There is no apprehension of shutdown of the Guwahati and Bongaigaon Refineries due to shortage of crude oil supply. Both the Refineries are being supplied adequate crude so as to meet their Annual Plan targets.

Introduction of Tariff Mechanism

2623. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2348 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the details of the tariff mechanism under which consumer's interests will be safeguarded;

(b) whether Government have introduced such a mechanism; and

(c) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Duty rationalisation is intended to encourage cost effecient production of bulk drugs and of high quality formulations. Customs duty on 235 intermediates has been reduced to 90 per cent i.e. less than the duty leviable on bulk drugs.

Extension of Kelkar Committee Term

2624. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2332 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) when was the term extended for the Kelkar Committee and when the extended term will expire;

(b) how many representations have been received by the Kelkar Committee upto 15th March, 1988 from consumers Associations, Voluntary Health Organisation, Medical Associations, Public men and others along with the details of each representation;

(c) what are the details of the representations disposed of a long with the views of the Committee on each; and

(d) by when the remaining representations will be disposed of?